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Hon, Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

# RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to first Action on the invention, kindly enter the following:

### In the Specification

Page 22, line 16, add:

--As stated above, the feed gas may consist of a mixture of methane,  $CO_2$  and any other gas species. In this regard, it is contemplated that the gas to be separated from  $CO_2$  is lighter than  $CO_2$ , i.e. has linear molecular weight. One such gas species is hydrogen.--

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